

CLERK: No, sir, we're...Senator Hall withdrew his amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: I thought I objected, that's why I...I certainly called out in a loud, clear voice, but I know I speak softly and I don't have a big stick. But...

CLERK: Senator,...

SENATOR WARNER: The Chair did not hear me object.

CLERK: No, but a member can withdraw an amendment at any time. There is not...

SENATOR WARNER: Oh, the Chair said if there's not objection, so I object to that, or somebody said it.

CLERK: I think, with respect to a substitution, you're...

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, I don't want to make that kind of argument. I just merely want to state this came as a surprise. It was my understanding, when this bill went out of committee, and I voted to put it out, that it was not intended to be taken up. And Senator Rasmussen just indicated to me she didn't anticipate it happening either. I might want to inquire of Senator Moore, later on, how many more bills are there that's picked up and called budget bills, which...I don't object to change, I don't like innovation, but I'm not real thrilled with surprises. But I'll be curious if there's more of these that have been moved up in that role. My personal problem is that I've had a lot of mail. I have indicated to a lot of people what I understood was likely to occur, which is fine, that's my problem. But I don't like the process, I'm not comfortable. I would have been comfortable with Senator Hall's original amendment, which would have just simply struck the language. I would not have precluded that that would mean that that couldn't happen, but it certainly was not a foregone conclusion. Obviously, may is less offensive than shall. And I assume that's the direction we're going. I suspect my out is to just simply vote no on the bill and kind of let it go at that. But I think we are inadvertently creating a lot of misunderstanding of a lot of people across the state that have enough handicaps that it's unfortunate, but so be it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Rasmussen.